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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, GW  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF GERMAN TERRORIST ATTACKS

1. SUMMARY. BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG MINISTER OF INTERIOR SPAETH TELL  
US AUTHORITIES SEE SIGNS RENEWAL OF ATTACKS BY GERMAN TERRORIST  
MOVEMENT MAY BE PLANNED FOR NEAR FUTURE. AUTHORITIES HAVE NO HARD  
INFO AND ATTACKS COULD OCCUR ANYWHERE IN FRG, BUT STUTTGART AREA  
REMAINS GOOD POSSIBILITY ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF RESUMPTION  
TERRORIST TRIALS. HEIDELBERG OBERBUERGERMEISTER DOES NOT THINK  
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US PERSONNEL OR INSTALLATIONS IN FRG WILL BE LIKELY TARGETS AND,  
LIKE SPAETH, CONSIDERS GERMAN ESTABLISHMENT REMAINS TERRORISTS'  
PRIMARY OBJECTIVE. HEIDELBERG AREA REMAINS OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO  
AUTHORITIES. SPAETH SUGGESTED ONE OF HIS TOP ASSISTANTS MEET SOON  
WITH CONGEN REPS TO DISCUSS ANTI-TERRORIST PROTECTIVE MEASURES.  
END SUMMARY.

2. LOTHAR SPAETH, MINISTER OF INTERIOR FOR BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG, TELLS US AUTHORITIES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE GERMAN TERRORISTS MAY BE PREPARING TO LAUNCH NEW ATTACKS IN NEAR FUTURE. ONE SIGN IS THAT CERTAIN PERSONS KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO THE TERRORIST MOVEMENT HAVE GONE UNDERGROUND IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, WHICH IN THE PAST HAS GENERALLY BEEN TIP-OFF TO IMMINENT TERRORIST ACTION.

3. HOWEVER, SPAETH STRESSED THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE PRECIOUS LITTLE TO GO ON IN ANTICIPATING WHERE TERRORISTS MIGHT STRIKE NEXT. HE WAS OF THE VIEW THAT GERMAN ESTABLISHMENT REMAINED PRIMARY TARGET OF GERMAN TERRORIST MOVEMENT, NOTWITHSTANDING MOVEMENT'S LINKS WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUPS. HE DOUBTED WHETHER TERRORISTS WOULD MOUNT ANOTHER AFFAIR SUCH AS THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING AND MURDER, FOR THEY HAD SEEN THAT SUCH TACTIC COULD NOT PAY OFF IN SENSE OF FORCING AUTHORITIES TO BOW TO THEIR DEMANDS. TRIAL OF TERRORIST SONNENBERG OPENED IN STUTTGART MARCH 3 AND TRIAL OF KLAUS CROISSANT WILL BEGIN LATER THIS WEEK; WHILE TERRORISTS COULD STRIKE ANYWHERE IN FRG SPAETH DID NOT RULE OUT SOME ACTION LAUNCHED IN STUTTGART AREA IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE TRIALS.

4. WHEN IN HEIDELBERG END FEBRUARY I WAS TOLD BY OBERBUERGERMEISTER ZUNDEL THAT WHILE HE WAS CONVINCED TERRORISTS WOULD STRIKE AGAIN SOON HE DID NOT FEEL THAT US PERSONNEL OR INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE LIKELY TARGETS. BAADER-MEINHOF GANG'S BOMBING OF US MILITARY  
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INSTALLATIONS AT FRANKFURT AND HEIDELBERG HAD OCCURRED DURING US INVOLVEMENT IN VIET-NAM, ENABLING THE TERRORISTS WITH THEIR WARPED REASONING TO JUSTIFY THIS AS A BLOW STRUCK FOR WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE THE FORCES OF GOOD. THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY SUCH TENDENTIOUS ISSUE IN US-GERMAN RELATIONS. ZUNDEL TOO HAD BEEN OF THE OPINION THAT THE TERRORISTS WOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE GERMAN ESTABLISHMENT, BUT HE DID NOT RULE OUT THAT THIS COULD EXTEND TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON GERMAN SOIL. HE CITED AS ONE EXAMPLE OF POSSIBLE TARGET THE INTERNATIONAL MICRO-BIOLOGY INSTITUTE AT HEIDELBERG, FOLLOWING ALL THE RECENT PUBLICITY, IN EUROPE AS WELL AS THE US, OF THE DANGERS OF RESEARCH ON GENETIC TRANSFORMATION. THIS, HE THOUGHT, WAS THE KIND OF ISSUE WITH WHICH THE TERRORISTS COULD IDENTIFY IN WHAT HE ADMITTED WAS AN OVERLY SIMPLIFIED EXPLANATION OF THEIR MOTIVATION AS BETWEEN "THE FORCES OF GOOD VERSUS BAD." ZUNDEL, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE KNOWN AT ONE TIME MANY OF THE TERRORISTS NOW ON THE FRG'S WANTED LIST, SAID HE SUSPECTED -- THOUGH HE HAD NO HARD INFO -- THAT THE TERRORISTS HAD FLED ABROAD, PROBABLY TO SOUTHERN FRANCE, BUT HEIDELBERG AND STUTTGART STILL REMAINED THE TERRORIST STRONGPOINTS IN THE FRG TODAY.

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5. WHEN TOLD OF ZUNDEL'S REMARKS, SPAETH CONFIRMED THAT HEIDELBERG  
AREA WAS SOURCE OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO THE AUTHORITIES. ON  
MORNING MARCH 6, HE SAID, SPECIAL POLICE FORCES HAD MOVED  
AGAINST BUILDING IN HEIDELBERG IN WHICH RADICAL LEFTIST STUDENTS  
ON THE FRINGE OF THE TERRORIST MOVEMENT HAD BEEN LIVING AND  
WHICH IT WAS KNOWN WAS BEING USED FOR MEETING PLACE. AUTHORITIES  
HAD ORDERED BUILDING EVACUATED ON THE EXCUSE THAT PREMISES WERE  
NEEDED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. WHEN STUDENTS REFUSED,  
SPAETH SAID THAT WITH ZUNDEL'S CONCURRENCE HE ORDERED IN THE  
POLICE FORCES TO EVICT THE STUDENTS. WHEN WE ASKED WHETHER THIS  
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DID NOT MEAN THAT THESE ELEMENTS WOULD NOW DISPERSE TO CLANDESTINE

MEETING PLACE OR PLACES UNKNOWN, AT LEAST INITIALLY, TO THE AUTHORITIES, SPAETH SAID TACTIC WAS TO KEEP THESE GROUPS ON THE MOVE AND FORCE THEM TO CHANGE THEIR MEETING PLACES OFTEN.

6. WE ASKED SPAETH WHETHER HE, LIKE ZUNDEL, FELT THAT US PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS WERE NOT RPT NOT LIKELY TO BE PRIMARY TARGETS IN ANY RESUMPTION OF TERRORIST ACTION IN FRG. SPAETH DID NOT GIVE DIRECT ANSWER, SAYING THAT ONE COULD ONLY SPECULATE AT THIS STAGE. HE SAID HE WOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT AND ADVISE US PROMPTLY IF ANY THREAT DEVELOPED. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR ONE OF HIS TOP ASSISTANTS IN INTERIOR MINISTRY TO MEET WITH CONGEN OFFICIALS IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF ANTI-TERRORIST PROTECTIVE MEASURES. (COMMENT: I INTERPRETED SPAETH'S OFFER AS A DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL IN GENERAL TO US AND NOT INDICATIVE OF ANY FIRM BELIEF THAT US PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE SINGLED OUT FOR ATTACK. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT TWO OTHER TERRORISTS (MOELLER AND BRAUN) ALSO GOING ON TRIAL THIS WEEK IN STUTTGART ARE CHARGED SPECIFICALLY WITH THE HEIDELBERG BOMBING OF US MILITARY INSTALLATION.)MILLER

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